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Marginal Column

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

THE Supreme Soviet of the USSR has been in session for several days now. The expected foreign policy statement, however, has not yet been made; it may come later this week. But there have been several other important announcements in and around this session. When Finance Minister Zverev introduced his new budget, it appeared that military expenditure had been increased from 100 to 112 milliard rubles (or by 12 per cent), whereas during the past two years, reductions in the military budget had been announced. In explanation, Zverev remarked that the international situation had not changed for the better. But Western observers for once were not unduly worried by what was undoubtedly intended to be a matter of concern: they do not believe that the official figures reflect the real military outlay. It is very possible, they say, to spend more and still report cuts, and vice versa. They point to the fact that each Soviet budget contains a very large item (amounting to about 20 per cent on the average) which is not accounted for. This leaves the Government and the Communist Party much freedom of movement, even assuming that all the other items of the budget are strictly adhered to.

PROBABLY more important than the reports on military expenditure were the discussions about the basic policy of the Soviet Government in the session of the Party Central Committee during the last week of January —i.e. prior to the Supreme Soviet meeting. These discussions are never reported in the press, but there is frequently unmistakable indirect evidence as to the character of the resolutions adopted. It had been noted during the month of December that "Pravda," the organ of the Soviet Communist Party, in its editorials, had again called for putting the emphasis on heavy industry, while "Izvestia," organ of the Soviet Government, continued to stress the importance of supplying consumer goods in accordance with Mr. Malenkov's declaration after Stalin's death. On January 24, "Pravda" published a long and angry article by its editor-in-chief, Shepilov, against those "vulgarisers of Marxism" who had expressed the belief that, after 1953, a certain shift from heavy to light and medium industrial output had taken place —and should continue. This sudden outburst was directed against some obscure minor economists who had written articles which, moreover, had been rejected by the periodicals in question.

SUCH turgid denunciations of insignificant writers by persons in authority are usually a prelude to bigger things. On the eve of the session of the Supreme Soviet, Moscow newspapers published the text of Krushchev's speech at the Party Conference which had just taken place. That Krushchev stood for heavy industry priority had been known for a long time. But suddenly his listeners were given ominous hints about certain persons following in the steps of the late Nikolai Bukharin and Alexei Rykov — the leaders of the right-wing opposition — executed in 1938.

WHO were these men — the unfortunate aspirants for a doctorate whose articles had not been published, or perhaps men much nearer to Krushchev and far better known? Extremely interesting, furthermore, was the use of many Stalin quotations by Mr. Krushchev, far more than has been the custom during the past two years. There can be no doubt that Krushchev has carried the day; his theses have been adopted. What this means in terms of the struggle for the Soviet leadership is too early to say: The "right-wingers" may yet outflank him and appear tomorrow as even stauncher proponents than Krushchev of the heavy industries-cum-armament line. Such things have happened. In terms of Soviet domestic and international politics, the meaning of the new course is a return to 1952. And the question will be asked, whether the West could have done anything to prevent it.

Jerusalem, February 8.

West to Grant More Aid to Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Monday (Reuter).— The U.S., Britain and France told the Yugoslav Government that they intend to make extra economic aid available to Yugoslavia, the British Embassy announced here today.

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China Warns US Planes To Keep Off; Quiet at Tachen

Peking Charges Six Violations

HONG KONG, Monday (Reuter). — China tonight warned the U.S. against any "encroachment" by American planes over Chinese territory.

A statement published by the New China News Agency alleged that American aircraft — currently supporting the evacuation of the Tachen islands — had flown over Chinese territory today and had "carried out military provocations."

"If the U.S. air forces venture to intrude to China's territorial air again, the American Government must bear all serious consequences arising therefrom," it said in an officially authorised statement.

The Agency claimed that six waves of American military planes have flown a total of 28 sorties over islands off the Chinese mainland, including Yikiangshan, the islet near the Tachens which the Chinese recently captured. "Aircraft of the Chinese People's Liberation Army immediately took off and the U.S. aircraft flew away southeastwards," the Agency said.

Dulles: No Far East War if U.S. Firm

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP) — Secretary of State Dulles said today, "I doubt that the Chinese Communists really intend to wage war" over Formosa as long as the U.S. is protecting the island.

He made the statement in urging the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to approve promptly the mutual defence treaty between the U.S. and the Nationalist Government on Formosa.

Mr. Dulles added that it is "at least possible" that prompt ratification of the mutual defence treaty, coming on top of recent congressional action on Formosa, might deter the Chinese.

Pinay Hopes to Form Cabinet by Thursday

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — M. Antoine Pinay, France's Conservative "businessman" Premier of 1952, today consulted political leaders in an effort to form a new government to succeed that of M. Pierre Mendes-France which fell on Saturday.

M. Pinay conferred with "Mr. France" this morning for nearly two hours and later started consultations with party chiefs. He expressed hope that he may be able to present a Cabinet list to the Assembly by Thursday. It is by no means a foregone conclusion, however, that he will succeed in forming a government.

First Evacuees Reach Formosa

TAIPEH, Monday (Reuter). — The American-covered evacuation of the Tachen islands off the China mainland was reported to be going "smoothly and efficiently" tonight with no sign of Chinese interference.

Nationalist sources claimed, however, that the Chinese were massing troops and men along San Men bay, 65 kms. from the Tachens. They said that evacuee forces had been alerted for possible "sneak attacks."

Guns of the ships covering the evacuation were manned this morning and a 20-minute radio silence was imposed because of reports that an unidentified submarine had been seen near a convoy.

The first men to reach Formosa from the Tachens today—115 Nationalist soldiers and 88 Air Force ground staff — said that 468 persons should have embarked on their landing ship, but some had been left behind in the "great confusion."

As the evacuees began to arrive, General Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader, issued a statement saying that the Tachens had lost their strategic value and their garrisons were being redeployed in order to "intensify preparations for the recovery of the mainland."

(State Department officials in Washington refused to comment on Gen. Chiang's statement).

Hong Kong at Disposal Of U.S. 7th Fleet

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — American warships engaged in any fighting over Formosa will be able to put in to the British colony of Hong Kong for repair and refuelling. The Government made this clear in the Commons today despite Left-wing Labour protests that it would be "extremely dangerous and provocative."

Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden told the Commons that Britain shared the U.S. Government's hope that the Tachen evacuation would "contribute to a cessation of Communist attacks" and lead to a restoration of peace and security in the West Pacific.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) suggested that the Foreign Secretary should at least ask the American Government to consult Britain before taking any action in the defence of Matsu and Quemoy. Sir Anthony replied "that Britain is in close touch with the U.S. and other governments all the time. We did our best to bring about a cessation of the fighting by inviting the Chinese Communist Government in the most considerate terms to attend a meeting of the Security Council. I regret that that was turned down in sharp terms," he added.

Queried on Quemoy

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, a former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, suggested that it would help if the U.S. would indicate it did not intend to maintain Quemoy and Matsu and favoured withdrawal from those islands as well as the Tachens.

Conservatives cheered when the Foreign Secretary, interrupted by Socialists, retorted: "I would have thought that the Communist Government's reply to the Security Council's invitation would have had some criticism from some Labour members."

There were Labour cries of "why not?" when Sir Anthony declined to express any opinion about Quemoy and Matsu.

(In Washington today, the New Zealand Ambassador, Sir Leslie Knox Munro, conferred for 30 minutes on Formosa with Secretary of State Dulles, shortly after Mr. Dulles had returned from a conference with President Eisenhower at the White House.)

Sir Anthony earlier today reported to a special Formosa session of the Commonwealth conference on Mr. Molotov's Friday meeting with the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter.

Increased Budget Passed in USSR

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — Both houses of the Supreme Soviet today unanimously approved the state budget which boosts expenditure on defence and heavy industry.

Amendments were adopted increasing the budget totals — both revenue and expenditure— by nearly 600m. rubles. The estimates first proposed were 589,600m. rubles revenue and 562,900m. expenditure. The figures adopted were 590,193m. rubles revenue and 563,482m. rubles expenditure, but it was not known which particular items were increased (the official exchange rate is 11.2 rubles to £1).

Mr. Arseni Zverev, the Finance Minister, said that 1955, the last year of the five-year plan, was "an exceptionally important year." The increased labour productivity and lower production costs achieved during the year will have a "deciding influence on the economy," he added.

The Supreme Soviet announced a new decree "to strengthen the links" between the State Security Committee in Moscow with the Security Committees in the 16 Soviet Republics.

A decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, confirmed by the full session, said that in the future the chairmen of the State Security Committees would rank as members of the republic government and could thus take seats in the cabinets.

Trees Planted for Cairo Martyrs

Jerusalem Post Staff

Traditional Tu B'Shvat tree-planting ceremonies were held throughout the country yesterday as fair weather prevailed in most parts of Israel. At many of the ceremonies, tributes were paid to the memory of the two Jews, Moshe Marzouk and Shmuel Azzar, who were hanged in Cairo. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Peretz Naphtali, took part in the planting of the first trees in a wood in the Jerusalem Corridor to be named after the two martyrs. Trees were also planted at Eshtaol.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi spent the day with their grand-daughters at Mesillat Zion settlement in the Corridor, where they planted trees together with children of the settlement.

The first cherry trees were planted at the Jerusalem Farm of Yitzur Ufituach, the development company of Ihud Hakvutzot Vehakibbutzim.

Saplings were planted in school playgrounds in most of the Sharon villages. In the Hadar Ramataiyim ma'bara, avenues of trees were set in the names of Marzouk and Azzar.

Hundreds of border village children were the guests of the Border Police at a concert in the Ron Cinema in Kfar Saba.

A park was planted in Ramat Binyamin, the British Legion Quarter of Ramat Hasharon.

At Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv, pupils of the Yesud Hama'ala school entertained more than 250 new immigrant children living in ma'barot. The Tel Aviv schoolchildren performed a holiday pageant and trees were planted.

In Haifa, kindergarten children and schoolgirls in colourful oriental dress danced and sang to the music of the Municipal Youth Orchestra, as the boys planted trees in the Kibbutz Hagaluyot playground.

Some 1,500 Technion students accompanied by their teachers made a pilgrimage to the new Technion City on Mt. Carmel.

In Safad, all types of fruit tree saplings were planted at the "Popular Housing" project, where settlers had difficulty in clearing away stones and boulders. When the work was completed, the whole panorama had changed. On Mt. Canaan, too, fruit trees were planted by settlers.

Trees were planted by 3,000 Migdal Ashkelon schoolchildren in the southern section of the town and in the ma'bara. Another 200 children were taken to an Air Force camp where saplings were set.

Tourists and guests participated in a pilgrimage to Beersheba arranged by the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the Government Tourist Centre.

KNESSET ANNIVERSARY

The Knesset celebrated its sixth anniversary last night at a gathering of several hundred guests attended by President Ben-Zvi, the Prime Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, other Cabinet Ministers, judges of the Supreme Court, the Chief of Staff and members of the First Knesset, and their wives. Guests were received at the door by the two Deputy Speakers, Mr. Y. Klebanoff and Mr. M. Mintz, and again in the main room by Mr. J. Sprinzak, the Speaker.

Criticism of Courts Bill Voiced

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Strongly-worded criticism of the recently-introduced Courts bill was heard in the Knesset yesterday from Mr. Y. Shapiro (Mapai), who said that the bill raised a number of important issues without endeavouring to find permanently acceptable solutions. There were still many problems in connection with the law courts awaiting solution, including the limited powers of the Supreme Court, the Israel law on habeas corpus and on press reports on pending cases.

Mr. Shapiro said, in particular, he was opposed to the proposal that certain cases might be heard a second time in the High Court by a bench of seven justices.

Other speakers included Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam) who wished to abolish the Municipal Courts (which are included as a permanent feature in the new bill), because their lay judges are appointed by the local authorities and deal with matters in which these same authorities are closely interested, and are therefore not independent, and Mr. S. Rosenberg (Mizrahi) who objected that the Rabbinical Courts are not included in the bill.

Dr. M. Sneh (Communist) suggested that it was an insult to the nation for Mr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice, to have said while there were many arguments in favour of juries, the population at the moment was made up of too many differing groups, and there were too many people totally ignorant of the law to make a jury system work satisfactorily. Mr. Kalman Kahana (Poalei Aguda) argued that if, as Mr. Rosen said, there were now many people in Israel who were unaccustomed to western law, was not this the right opportunity to introduce a single, unified system of law, namely that of the Torah only?

MAC Raps Jordan For Shooting Two On J'lem Border

The shooting incident that took place in the Musrara Quarter of Jerusalem on January 21 in which two Israel soldiers were wounded, was finally adjudicated at an emergency meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday, after a map of the demarcation line signed on November 30, 1948, had been flown here from U.N. Headquarters in New York to determine on which side of the Line the soldiers were walking when they were shot.

The Israel resolution which found that the soldiers were inside Israel when they were wounded by Arab Legion fire from a military position in the Street of the Prophets was adopted by the votes of Israel and the Chairman, Col. Charles Brewster, who also proposed that both sides set up a survey team to mark the line anew.

By the same vote, the M.A.C. also found that the administering of first aid to the two wounded soldiers was prevented by Arab Legionnaires and that this hostile action and the firing across the lines were both violations of the Armistice.

Prior to the voting, there was a lengthy discussion on which edge of the Line on the Armistice Map was the precise demarcation. It transpired that the line itself was blurred on the original map, particularly at the spot where the soldiers were wounded. In the opinion of the Chairman it was impossible "to determine with precision where the outside and inside limits of the line are in this particular place."

He therefore abstained in the voting on a motion by Israel reaffirming that "the outer sides (i.e. the sides closer to the No-Man's-Land) of the two lines delineating the Demarcation Lines in the Jerusalem area are the edges of the No-Man's Land, this having been the accepted practice of the M.A.C. in the past."

This was carried by the Israel votes alone as both the Chairman and the Jordanians abstained. In his statement explaining his abstention, Col. Brewster pointed to the absence of agreement of the Parties on the interpretation of the Line on the 1948 map, namely, whether to take the outside or the inside of this Line. I strongly urge the parties, and the Chief of Staff concurs in this appeal, to get together and set up a survey team in order to establish a new map on which the Line would be at all places clear and which would eliminate any doubts as to its interpretation.

Syrians Fire on Kibbutz Vehicle at Barricade

A vehicle belonging to Kfar Szold in Upper Galilee crossed a barricade of stones yesterday afternoon on a road south of the settlement, the Army spokesman announced.

Rifle fire from a Syrian position across the border was opened on the vehicle just as it passed over the barricade. No one was hit. Israel has lodged a complaint with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission on the incident.

CHARGED AS SPIES

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two Arabs were arrested here over the weekend and were charged with giving information to an enemy state.

Egypt to Quit Arab Defence Pact if Iraq, Turkey Sign

Ankara Hails Firm Stand by Baghdad

ISTANBUL, Monday (Reuter). —Premier Adnan Menderes has sent a message to the Iraqi Premier, Nuri e-Said, congratulating the Iraqi National Assembly on yesterday's decision to go ahead with the projected Turco-Iraqi defence treaty despite opposition from some other Arab nations.

Mr. Menderes said in his message that the National Assembly had reached an historic decision which was advantageous for the Middle East and all the Arab world, and which would affect all the Middle East and the defence of world peace."

A Turkish Government spokesman stated today that "the Arab world uproar over the pact perhaps was useful in one way — we were able to see our real friends." He added: "Iraq proved her friendship once more, and Syria's attitude on the pact pleased Turkey."

Egyptian Units Take Over Near Ismailia

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — Premier Abdul Nasser today took the salute at a march past of the first Egyptian units en route to take over British positions in the Suez Canal Zone.

Egyptian Air Force jets zoomed overhead as troops and motorised units paraded before the ruling junta.

The troops were scheduled to take over positions near Ismailia, in the heart of the sprawling military base, later today.

The first offices of the British company which will help maintain the military base at Ismailia in the Suez Canal Zone were formally opened today by Mr. L.J.L. Addison, chairman of the company's Board of Management. The first group of 800 British civilian technicians is expected to arrive in the zone next month.

Nehru to Confer With Nasser Next Week

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — The Indian Premier, Mr. Nehru, will spend two days in Cairo on his way home from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference, instead of only one, as a result of the cancellation of his visit to Paris, it was officially stated here today.

He will spend February 15 and 16 in Cairo, and will return to Delhi on February 17.

His visit to Paris was cancelled following the fall of the Mendes-France Government.

BYROADE DUE IN CAIRO FEBRUARY 27

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter).—The new American Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Henry Byroade, conferred with President Eisenhower today before leaving for Cairo.

Mr. Byroade, formerly an Assistant Secretary of State, told reporters that Mr. Eisenhower had "talked about the importance of the best possible relations between our country and Egypt." He plans to leave for Cairo on Friday and to arrive on February 27.

But Not to Leave League—Salem

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Minister of Propaganda Major Salah Salem said tonight that Egypt would leave the Arab Collective Security Pact "on the day the Iraqi Premier, Nuri e-Said, signs his alliance with Turkey." He added that Egypt would then offer the Arab countries a new military alliance with effective Egyptian military assistance.

Salem, who was addressing a party of visiting Lebanese journalists, said, however, that in no circumstances would Egypt abandon the Arab League.

Earlier today, Brigadier Mahmoud Riad, a member of the Egyptian delegation to the Arab Prime Ministers conference, said that Egypt will not leave the Arab League or the Collective Security Pact.

The Arab Premiers conference to discuss Iraq's proposed defence treaty with Turkey broke up last night without any agreement after meeting for 15 days in Cairo.

(Egypt had threatened earlier to leave the Arab Security Pact if the Turco-Iraqi treaty was signed. Diplomatic observers reported at the end of the Premiers meeting that only Saudi Arabia and the Yemen sided with Egypt in her attitude, and no official statement was issued after the meeting.)

'Utter Confusion'

Salem told the visiting journalists today that "utter confusion" had reigned at the Prime Ministers conference. It had been a failure because of the "wavering and inconsistent attitudes of some of the delegations."

When it came to drafting a resolution calling for the proposed cooperation with the West, Salem continued, the Egyptians wanted to add the phrase "without getting involved in military commitments." He pointed out that this was a safeguard against Iraq interpreting the resolution as including the right to enter alliances other than the Arab Collective Security Pact.

But the Iraqis reserved the right to take any additional measures she might deem necessary for her security while, he said, the Syrian, Lebanese and Jordan delegations alleged that their terms of reference did not authorise them to sign such a resolution without prior reference to their respective countries.

Egypt then proposed the unification of the Arab armies under a single command, Salem went on, "but the Iraqi delegate threatened at last night's meeting to walk out of the conference if military matters were discussed."

One Lebanese journalist then suggested to Salem that Iraq might have a good reason to conclude the pact with Turkey. The Iraqi Premier, Nuri e-Said, had declared that he wanted to safeguard Iraq's northern fron-

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Johnston, Arabs In Partial Agreement

A joint statement issued after the talks in Cairo between Mr. Eric Johnston and the representatives of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon yesterday, said that agreement had been reached on some points on the proposed Jordan Valley Authority, Cairo radio reported.

The statement added that Mr. Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, had submitted new proposals to the Arab delegations which the representatives of Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon were now taking back to their governments.

Mr. Johnston is starting a two-day visit of the Aswan installations today, and on Thursday he will fly to Amman. Later, he will visit Beirut and Damascus.

The envoy's visit is expected to take more than a fortnight, as he is anxious to obtain the replies of all parties to his new proposals before his return to Washington.

Khoury May Be Asked To Form New Cabinet

DAMASCUS, Monday (Reuter).— President Hashem el Attasi today began consultations on forming a new Cabinet after yesterday's resignation of Fares el Khoury, the Prime Minister.

Political circles expect him to invite Khoury to form a new Cabinet. Observers say that the President's aim is to form a broader-based government than the present administration, a coalition of Populists, Nationalists and Independents.

The Parliamentary Democratic block and the Arab Resurrection Party, each with 50 seats, are not represented in the present Government.

FOA Allocation

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — The Foreign Operations Administration announced today that it had authorized the purchase of $300,000 worth of hardwood and softwood logs, bolts and hewn timbers for Israel.

The F.O.A. said that the commodities might be purchased in French territories (excluding North Africa) and British African and Near Eastern territories.

Goldmann May 'Retire' to Europe

By MAURICE CARR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Monday. — Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the Joint Executive Board of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany that he would resign from the presidency of the Committee unless an executive chairman was appointed to deal with routine matters. A search has been instituted for a chairman.

Dr. Goldmann's discussions with Jewish leaders during the past few days have created the impression that he is contemplating retiring from New York to Paris temporarily, in order to reclaim the "European desert" — in the Zionist sense — like Mr. David Ben-Gurion withdrew to the Negev. Asked to confirm or deny this report today, Dr. Goldmann smilingly told me, "I spend three months here every year, anyway." Further pressed, he added with unusual lack of conviction, "There is nothing in it."

Reuter adds that Dr. Goldmann repeated his charges against the Austrian Government for evading its moral responsibility to pay compensation to the tens of thousands of Austrian Jews who suffered Nazi persecution. He said that Austria's attitude was all the more disappointing because the sum that was being asked was only about $30m., a bagatelle compared with the German settlement.

He added that the Committee stood by its recent decision that the negotiations which had been suspended for some months would not be resumed unless the Austrians make a new offer. Furthermore, if such an offer were not forthcoming soon, the Committee would break off the negotiations entirely. He said that a major cause of trouble in the negotiations was the fact that the Austrian Government looked at them as a political problem rather than a moral one.

BERLIN RESTITUTION

BERLIN, Monday (Reuter). — The West Berlin City government decided to offer 9,000,000 marks as restitution to the J.R.S.O. (Jewish Restitution Successor Organization) and the Berlin Jewish community.

The J.R.S.O. is to get 6,000,000 marks for the rebuilding of synagogues and other Jewish cultural buildings, and the Jewish community three million marks

70,000 in Morocco Immigrating to Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Monday. — Some 70,000 Moroccan Jews have registered for immigration to Israel and thousands more are awaiting registration, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Co-Chairman of the Jewish Agency, announced at the inauguration of the fund-raising campaign for Israel here today.

New U.N. Proposal On Officers' Accord

Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, has submitted a proposal to Jordan and Israel for a local commanders' agreement for the entire length of the Armistice Line rather than for the Jerusalem sector alone, the U.N. spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday.

No reply has yet been received from either side, he added, and no details can be revealed.

Israel has rejected the proposal, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday, saying that no benefit could be gained from the arrangement. General Burns is to visit Amman today to discuss armistice affairs with the Jordan Government.

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Social & Personal

A minute's silence in memory of the victims of Agur and of the Cairo show trial was observed at a reception given by the Irgun Olei Brazil in honour of the new Brazilian Minister to Israel, and Mrs. Tabajara de Olivier in Tel Aviv last night. One of the tractor drivers murdered in Agur recently was from Brazil. The Minister stressed the necessity of strengthening the friendly ties that exist between Israel and his country. Present at the reception was the Minister's 20-year-old son, Charles, who arrived yesterday and plans to study medicine at the Hebrew University.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Peretz Naphtali, and his Deputy Minister, Mr. Yosef Efrati, as well as Knesset Members and representatives of the Jewish Agency and other public institutions, attended the 75th birthday anniversary in Rehovot yesterday of Prof. Yitzhak Vulcani, one of the country's veterans in the field of agricultural science.

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Major-General G. A. Westring, Chief of Staff of the Swedish Air Force, yesterday visited the Swedish Village of Youth Aliya near Jerusalem. He was accompanied by Mr. Jens Malling, the Swedish Chargé d'Affaires.

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ARRIVALS: Prof. W. C. Lowdermilk, to assume his post as head of the Agricultural Engineering Department of the Haifa Technion, and Mrs. Lowdermilk, and Rabbi M. D. Sheinkopf, of Springfield, Mass., for a short visit (by El Al).

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DEPARTURES: Ten young men and women from South Africa, after spending two months at the Jewish Agency Hebrew Seminary in Jerusalem, for Johannesburg (by El Al).

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Mr. I. Dimand, President of the Jewish Community in Chile and prominent Zionist leader, and Mrs. Dimand, Wizo Executive member, Dr. and Mrs. Lamas, also of Santiago, were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Wizo Executive at the Tel Aviv Wizo Club yesterday.

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The American Hadassah leaders' group was shown Hadassah Hospital and Polyclinic in Jerusalem yesterday, accompanied by Dr. J. Karpas, Acting Director of Hadassah. Later, they were entertained by the Jewish National Fund.

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A celebration on the occasion of the 60th birthday of Pierre van Paasen was held at Bet Ha'am in Jerusalem last night. Addresses were given by Dr. H. Gilead, Dr. Wolfgang von Weisel, Councillor D. Siton and Mr. B. A. Barkai. Greetings were read from Professor J. Klausner, who could not attend because of illness. Members of the "Orot" dramatic group read selections from Mr. van Paasen's work.

Bible School Student Returns as Superior

The Rev. Francis-Xavier Peirce, S.J., for many years Professor of Sacred Scriptures at Woodstock College, Maryland, U.S., arrived by El Al yesterday afternoon to take up his position as Superior of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem.

The new Superior, who was at one time a student of the Institute, was last in this country 24 years ago.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
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In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Criminal Appeal
Before The President (Justice Olshan), the Deputy President, (Justice Cheshin), and Justice Silberg.

Shaul Babushkin, Appellant, v. The Attorney General, Respondent. (Cr.A. 247/54).

Bus Conductors' Rights

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a verdict of the Tel Aviv District Court, sitting as a Court of Appeal, delivered on October 21, 1954 (Cr.A. 198/54).

The appellant was a conductor on a Chausson bus of the Dan Company, Tel Aviv. His bus having filled up with passengers at the Central Bus Station, he was given by the company's traffic controller the signal to pull off, when a man in the queue boarded it, being trapped by the closing doors. The conductor re-opened the doors and ordered the man to alight. This he refused to do, explaining that he had bought tickets in the queue for himself and a friend who was already inside the bus. Not accepting this explanation, the conductor continued to insist that he alight and laid a hand upon his shoulder in order to push him off the step. This precipitated a scuffle in which the two friends and the conductor participated, the conductor getting the worst of the deal.

All three were charged before the Magistrate's Court with common assault according to Section 249 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, the conductor and the friend being found guilty, whilst the persistent passenger was acquitted.

The conductor, who had been fined IL.10, appealed against his conviction to the District Court, which confirmed the Magistrate's verdict. A further appeal was made to the Supreme Court, mainly on the grounds that the conductor had been within his rights in insisting that the passenger alight after he had announced that no more passengers would be taken; and that he was justified in using force to ensure that his instructions be obeyed since, according to Rule 26 (4)e of the Traffic Orders, as amended in 1938, a conductor "shall, to the best of his ability, take steps whenever necessary to enforce the provisions of these rules relating to the conduct of passengers."

Mr. J. Bloomberg appeared for the appellant; Mr. J. Harish for the Attorney General.

Judgment

In delivering the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justice Cheshin, after setting out the facts, declared that the Court did not consider the occasion an appropriate one for laying down any hard and fast rules as to the respective rights and duties of bus drivers and conductors, on the one hand, and passengers on the other; nor for establishing, in principle, if and when it is permissible for a conductor to remove a passenger by force.

The case under consideration, Justice Cheshin held, could be decided on factual circumstances, without laying down legal principles. The conductor had had every right to ask the passenger not to board the bus as it was on the point of leaving the station. When the passenger wrongly refused to accede to his request, the conductor had been entitled to force him to alight as long as he did not employ extreme measures. That he had not used any excessive violence was not disputed, and he had therefore been within his rights.

Appeal allowed, verdict quashed.

Judgment given on January 31, 1955.

Schweitzer 'Related In Spirit' to Israel

A spiritual kinship with Israel and the Hebrew University was expressed by Dr. Albert Schweitzer in his reply to greetings on his eightieth birthday sent by Professor B. Mazar, President of the University, and Professor Martin Buber.

The Nobel Prize winning philosopher-doctor-musician wrote:

"This expression of friendship from you and your academic staff has given me great pleasure. The longing I have had for many years to visit the Holy Land one day, and my more recent desire to acquaint myself personally with your University, have not been granted, and are not likely to be so any more.

"For from year to year my work grows, my exhaustion increases and my life becomes harder. I must resign myself to the fact that I shall no longer find the time for the journeys I should like to take. But this does not prevent me from taking an interest, and even a part, in all that concerns the people of Israel and particularly the University, and to rejoice in their growth. The spiritual relationship between us remains alive."

Point Four Coaches Wanted

Following an appeal from the Israel Amateur Sports Federation, the Physical Training Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture has approached the Foreign Ministry with regard to inviting coaches in light athletics, basketball and swimming under the Point Four scheme.

The I.A.S.F. had previously contacted the P.T. Dept. for agreement to bring U.S. coaches to Israel as part of the preparations of the National team for the Melbourne Olympic Games next year.

Collective Farms In Yugoslavia Fading Out

ZAGREB, Monday (Reuter). — The President of the Yugoslav Republic of Croatia, Mr. Vladimir Bakaric, said yesterday that Croatia had only 200 reorganized collective farms against 1,600 in previous times.

In a talk with foreign correspondents visiting the Croatian capital, he stated that Yugoslavia had now definitely abandoned collectivization. Though there had been no formal decision to abandon it, experience had made clear the need to do so.

After World War II, Yugoslavia adopted a policy of collectivization of agriculture on the Soviet model, but since the spring of 1953, the peasants have been allowed to leave the collective farms.

Mr. Bakaric added that the country's agricultural position was "far from satisfactory." Besides wheat imports from the U.S., Yugoslavia this year is receiving from Britain £5m. in aid which is being devoted largely to modernising farm production.

ACTION ASKED AGAINST FUEL COMPANIES

The Attorney General requested the Jerusalem District Court on Sunday to order the Shell and Socony Vacuum fuel companies and their agents to remove an alleged public danger created by them in the course of construction operations of new filling stations. It is claimed that construction crews of the two companies, which are laying approach roads to the stations, have been piling up earth under a high tension wire, thus reducing the height of the wire above the ground from six to three metres. Two instances of electric shock have already occurred at the place one of which was fatal. *(Itim)*

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
392, 249, 48.9, & 32.5 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 1.15 and 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.50 Break for Music (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.30 Light Music (R). 4.50 Unesco Programme. 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 7.25 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.30 Newsreel. 9.05 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal, Soloist: Antonia Lavanne: Suite, "Doctor Doolittle" (Sternberg); Variations on "Saibora" for Voice & Orchestra (Matsudeira); Concert Aria (Mozart); Symphony No. 38 "Prague" (Mozart). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
469, 497, 225, 216, 48.9 & 25.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.5 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "This Also Happened." 11.30 Copland's "Vitebsk" trio. 11.45 Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow & Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 "Corps to Corps." 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.80, 24.92, 30.53 & 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.30 p.m. News. "This England..." Art Chronicle.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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HAIFA: Balfour, 1 Masada, 1332. International, 50 Ha'atzmaut, 2308. KIRYAT BIALIK: Tevgium. SAFAD: Ha'ari.

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AT THE CINEMA

BROADSWORDS (and how broad they are) slash, lances splinter and Vikings howl as "Prince Valiant" (Orion, J'lem) gallops across the cinematic screen. Robert Wagner in the title role is every inch a comic strip hero, and one can almost see the printed words floating out of his mouth, comic-book style, when he speaks his lines. James Mason, relegated to the Dark Ages, wouldn't fool a first-grader. Among the bears and hairy-chested Vikings we spotted our old friend Victor MacLaglen, the screen sergeant of so many armies. The rounded screen is barely adequate to hold the curves of the simpering heroines, Debra Paget and Janet Leigh. It would still all be fun, but for the regret of seeing cinema brought down to the very lowest literary denominator, namely the comic book, and such an expensive film at that...

Twice Lucrecia Borgia

WITH the French "Lucrece Borgia" at the Zion (J'lem), directed by Christian Jaque, a picture with which the French moving picture industry has at last reached the top level for historical films represented by such pictures as "Henry V." Martine Carol is enticing, and not only in her bathing scenes, and Pedro Armendariz looks as Cesare as Cesare should have looked and acts very well.

The story, recounting Lucrecia's second marrige to Alfonso of Aragon, is more or less true to history. The settings create a true Renaissance atmosphere and the places look really inhabited. The Technicolor is less glorious than lifelike. There are many shots of great beauty, the trees, for instance, whose changing foliage indicates the passage of time; or the manhunt, even if I wouldn't have selected Alsatians for that purpose.

TO cash in on the advance publicity of this French film, the Tel Or (J'lem) has dug out the old French "Lucrece Borgia" which Abel Gance produced, I believe, in 1938. A comparison of the two gives one the reassuring feeling that, even if human progress in general is slow and debatable, cinematic art at least has advanced in the past 20 years. T.F.P.M.

English Humour

WITH a plot based on the annual rally of old cars from London to Brighton, the British film "Genevieve" (Armon, Haifa) imparts much good humour to what might have been a rather recondite theme. It succeeds in giving it an application understandable by all nations by introducing the vicissitudes of conjugal life and a faint hint of the eternal triangle and its attendant jealousies.

The cleverest episode is the trumpet solo, given by the friend's girl friend with great verve and spirit. The cast might have spoken its lines less theatrically and taken a lesson from the performance of the dog Suzy, which obviously enjoyed being the passenger who has not the slightest intention of pulling her weight. Best of all is the magnificent two minutes' appearance of Joyce Grenfell as the hotel manager who just does not see what is wrong with her establishment.

Italian Sketches

THE Italian "Canzoni di Mezzo Secolo" (Orah, Haifa) weaves a series of short sketches around groups of the most popular songs in Italy from the beginning of the century through the end of the last War. They are placed in a stage setting which [illegible] them from any attempt at realism and, allowing for the fact that humour is a matter of national taste, they all emit a gentle satire, only becoming bitter with the moral debacle after 1943. Even then the finale ends on a more optimistic note, the return of Italy to itself.

The songs, the tunes of several of which are international, have catchy tunes with the exception of the [illegible] "Tropical Blues." The best of the sketches were those of the bell boy in each of whose day dreams his three obnoxious superiors appear and that of the couple who, by modelling their employer's goods, eventually fall in love and marry. "Canzoni di Mezzo Secolo" can be quite a pleasant evening. H.

Fernandel Again

"FORBIDDEN Fruit" (Migdalor, Tel Aviv), is well worth a visit. The remarkably versatile Fernandel completely dominates the picture and shows us yet again that, like all the really great comedians, he is also a brilliant serious actor. In his hands, indeed, a trite situation becomes alive and absorbing, though this monopoly of the film means that the rest of the characters (led by Françoise Arnoul) are never given a chance to develop properly.

It is generally agreed that the late Raimu's mantle as France's chief comedian has fallen upon Fernandel. This week Raimu at his best can be seen in Marcel Pagnol's "The Baker's Daughter" (Shderot, T.A.), which amazingly enough has never before been shown in Israel. It would be nice to think that this country is going to follow Britain's example and show us more of his masterpieces, whether "premieres" or revivals. J. L.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.

ARMON: Long Wait.
EDEN: Time Bomb.
EDISON: Jealousy.
ORGIL: The Moon is Blue, 2nd week.
ORION: Prince Valiant.
ORNA: It Grows on Trees.
RON: "L'Age de l'Amour," 2nd week.
STUDIO: "Les Compagnes de la Nuit."
TEL OR: Lucrece Borgia.
ZION HALL: Lucrece Borgia.

TEL AVIV
At 5.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: "Les Enfants de l'Amour," 5th week.
CHEN: The Caine Mutiny, 2nd week.
ESTHER: Scandal at Scourie.
MOGRABI: The Robe, 2nd week. 3.30, 7.15, 9.45.
OPHIR: "Le Grand Jeu."
TAMAR: Come Back, Little Sheba, 5th week. Continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.40 p.m.: Foreign Affair.
YARON: The Unknown, 2nd week.
ZAMIR: Conquest of Everest, 2nd week, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m. Also continuous from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Three Coins in the Fountain, 2nd week.
ORION: Border River.
PEER: The Cruel Sea, 3rd week.
GAL OR: I Want You, 6.45 and 9 p.m. Matinees: Lady takes a Sailor.

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Yesterday's Press :

Mendes 'Too Popular' To Last

Commenting on the fall of the Mendes-France government, "Zmanim" (Progressive) writes that French politicians were afraid of the popularity of the former Prime Minister; strong personalities at the helm of the state are usually suspect in France. The paper notes that the government fell because the Communists made common cause with the extreme Right and were supported by some of the members of Mendes-France's own party, the Radicals. The right wing did not want to grant autonomy to Tunis while the Communists wished to weaken France by granting full autonomy at once; both were vitally interested in bringing the government down.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that any future French government will have to follow Mendes-France's European policy because it appears to be the only possible one. The paper thinks that riots may spread again in North Africa and one of the results will be a new wave of Jewish immigration from there.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) quotes Radio Prague to the effect that the "fall of the Mendes-France government was a great victory of the patriotic forces in France." The paper adds, however, that the "reactionary politician, the representative of Big Business and former Petainist, Antoine Pinay, has been called to form a new government."

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) expresses the view that no government likely to succeed Mendes-France will be any more successful in finding a solution to the various urgent problems. Those who brought him down may well find him even more dangerous as a leader of the opposition, and he may return to power before the general elections next year.

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Union) reviews the situation of the Arab League and thinks that its disintegration creates new possibilities for our foreign policy.

"Davar" (Histadrut) demands a thorough investigation of the profitability of the various exports, expressing strong doubts about the opinion of the Ministry of Trade and Industry that the "added value" earned by processing imported raw material amounts to 50 per cent.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) feels that although the settlement of the coalition crisis looks like a Mapai victory, it is in effect a defeat and the General Zionists have achieved all the important things they wanted. "Herut," on the other hand, believes that the General Zionists have been utterly defeated and have received nothing but promises.

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Local Sports Round-Up

Hapoel Dominates Tel Aviv Athletics

Hapoel athletes dominated the light athletics meeting held at the Tel Aviv Stadium over the week-end, in the absence of a number of Maccabi stars. The strong wind affected the performances.

RESULTS, MEN: 100 m.: D. Tabak (Tel Mond Hap.), 11.6 secs.; 400 m.: Y. Matanovitz (T.A. Hap.), 54.0 secs.; 800 m.: [illegible], 2:03.6; 3000 m.: A. Kramer (Tel Mond Hap.), 9:48.2; LONG JUMP: [illegible] (Tel Mond Hap.), 6.06 m.; HIGH JUMP: Ben Best, E. Levi (both T.A. Macc. Nth) and [illegible] (T.A. Hap.) tied at 1.65m.; HOP, STEP & JUMP: [illegible] (T.A. Hap.), 13.22 m.; SHOT PUT: E. Shalom (Givat Brenner Hap.), 12.54 m.; DISCUS THROW: Uri Ofir (Petah Tikva Hap.), 41.88 m.; JAVELIN THROW: A. Silberman (Kfar Saba Hap.), 51.64 m. WOMEN: 100 m.: S. [illegible] (T.A. Hap.), 11.5 secs.; 200 m. S. [illegible], 28.1 secs. LONG JUMP: Y. Natel-Schumacher (T.A. Macc.), 5.13 m.; HIGH JUMP: Y. Natel-Schumacher, 1.40 m.; SHOT-PUT: S. Levi (Macc. Nth), 10.41 m.; DISCUS THROW: A. Postein (J'lem Hap.), 33.20 m.; JAVELIN THROW: Edna Medalia (T.A. Hap), 29.34 m.

An outstanding performance at the Haifa meet (reported Sunday) was the victory of Ein Hashofet Hapoel's Oded Weiner in the 800 metres race, when he beat Y. Baima into second place by 1/10th second. Mossad Masaryk Hapoel's A. Schreiber made it a "double" when he captured the discus throw event with 38.70m, as well as the shot-put.

KFAR YONA WIN VOLLEYBALL CUP

Kfar Yona Hapoel won the Settlements Cup in a Hapoel volleyball tournament by defeating every one of its opponents from Tel Mond, Natanya and Petah Tikva. Hapoel volleyball championship games were also held at Kfar Giladi and Holon over the week-end.

Players Suspended For Fighting

Yoshua "Shaye" Glaser, Israel and Tel Aviv Maccabi centre-forward, was suspended for three months, until the end of the League season, by the Israel Football Association Court of Honour at its last meeting on Friday last. The Court held that Glaser was responsible for stopping the Shapira Cup game held at the Jaffa Hapoel ground. Itzhak Gambasch, of Tel Aviv Betar, was suspended for two months, for his part in the incident.

The punishment of two months suspension imposed previously on Resnick, of Tel Aviv Maccabi, was confirmed at the same meeting, and will expire on the 26th of this month. The same decision was reached with regard to Pripaz, the Jaffa Maccabi player. The players had fought during a Shapira Cup game on the Jaffa pitch.

The Court, composed of Messrs. A. Tumari, Y. Braun, B. Eden, S. Brenner and Y. Koperberg, also further considered the appeal of Amitai Carmeli, of Petah Tikva Maccabi, against suspension for life for striking a referee, and adjourned.

Zagreb Dynamo Visit Mooted

Tel Aviv Hapoel have applied to the Israel Football Association for permission to bring the Yugoslav soccer champions, Dynamo, of Zagreb, here for three games. Dynamo is on tour in Egypt and due to move on to Cyprus afterwards, and then come here. The first game here is planned for February 15 at the Ramat Gan Stadium.

In soccer matches played over the week-end, results were: JORDAN VALLEY LEAGUE: (HAPOEL TEAMS): Afikim 3 Ein Gev 2 (half-time 3-1); Kinneret 4, Shar-On 2 (3-1); Tiberias Ya'acov 6, Ginossar 0 (4-0); Gesher 4, Yavniel 1 (3-0). LEAGUE B (NORTH): Hadera Macc. 2, Nahariya Hap. 1 (1-0); Zichron Ya'acov Macc. 2, Acre Hap. 1 (1-0); SOUTH: Jaffa Betar 1, Mahane Yehuda Hap. 0 (0-0). LEAGUE C: Zichron Hap. 5, Natanya Hap. 1 (4-1); Even Hayarden 5, Holon Betar 0 (1-0); T.A. Macc. Shmuel 7, T.A. Bar Kochba 0 (4-0); T.A. Degel Zion 2, Lydda Macc. 1 (1-0).

STATE OF ISRAEL
MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
IN THE JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS COURT
Succession File No.479/ תשט״ו

IN THE MATTER of the Succession of the late Esther Ruth Adler who died on January 6, 1955, in Jerusalem.
The PETITIONER: John Adler, 14 Rehov Saadia Gaon, Rehavia, Jerusalem.

CITATION

Let all persons take notice that the petitioner applied to the Jerusalem Religious Court for an Order declaring the Succession to the estate of the above mentioned deceased.

All persons claiming any interest or objecting to the above application should file their claims within 15 days of publication of this notice, otherwise the Court will issue such order as it deems right.

(Sgd.) S. Tanhum Frank
Secretary

February 1, 1955.

Hapoel Basketball League Trials End

Hapoel trials for entry into the Israel Basketball League ended over the weekend with a game between Ashdot Ya'acov and Haifa, which the former won narrowly 53-50. These two teams, plus Tel Aviv, Holon and Mishmar Ha'Emek, will provide the Hapoel representation in the new set-up, under the auspices of the Israel Amateur Sports Federation. Hapoel trials for the proposed League B were also held, with the following results: Givat Brenner beat Kfar Vitkin 57-47; and Kiryat Haim beat Hadera, 56-39.

A "warm-up" Cup tournament prior to League games is being planned to start on February 14, continuing for three consecutive weeks on the Holon Hapoel court. Taking part will be Tel Aviv Maccabi, Jaffa Maccabi or Tel Aviv Maccabi Hakohav, Tel Aviv Hapoel and Holon Hapoel.

Brith Maccabi Atid won the Wedgwood Cup, for youths born 1938, by defeating Kiryat Motzkin Maccabi, 63-51, in the final. Six Maccabi youth sides participated at Petah Tikva.

OTHER RESULTS: MACCABI LEAGUE (MEN): B.M.A. 32, Macc. Nth. 45 (half-time 26-17); Ramat Gan 53, T.A. Bar Kochba 70 (25-37); T.A. Hakohav 40, Haifa 52 (27-27); Ramat Gan 57, Haifa 76 (37-48); T.A. Bar Kochba 62, Macc. Nth. 56 (32-31).

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JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-8 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya. (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

Memorial Exhibition of Architectural Works and Drawings by Leopold Krakauer. Also African Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann: Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5 Bezalel Museum.

Exhibition of Oils and Drawings by Shlomo Van Den Berg and Sculptures by David Palombo, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.

★ Tours:—

Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:—

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ Library: —

American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatre:—

"The Miser," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny," Habimah, 8 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—

1) Abstract and Surrealistic Paintings. 2) Moshe Castel, works of 1950-55. Open daily 10-4, Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum

Photographic Reproductions of Selected American paintings, Z.O.A. House, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—

Opening of two exhibitons by the Mayor Aba Khoushy and Mr. M. Hindes. Paintings and sculptures by artists of the Kibbutz Artzi, and paintings by Shlomo Van Den Berg, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

Ceramics by Mrs. Goldenfun-Barta; Drawings and Gummi Arabicum pictures by Mrs. Ilana Shafir. 10-1, 4-7. Traclyn Art Gallery, Rah. Beerwald.

★ Recorded Concert:—

Haydn: Symphony in C-minor; Mozart: Violin Concerto in A-major; Erica Morini — Pablo Casals Orchestra; Bloch: Cello Rhapsody "Shlomo", 8.15 p.m. Fevener Hall.

★ Lecture: —

Mr. R. Heddy, First Secretary of the British Embassy, "The Changing Social Scene in Britain since 1939," Israel and British Commonwealth Association; Beit Haroféh; 8 p.m.

AFULA

★ Theatre:—

Habimah, "The Wild Duck," 8 p.m.

PARDESS HANNA

★ Theatre: —

"Motke Fun Odess," — 3.15 and 8.45 p.m.

GIVATAYIM

★ Theatre: —

Yiddisher Komedie Theatre—"Die Dorfische Libe" — Libgold, Liliana — Nogah Hall, 8.30 p.m.

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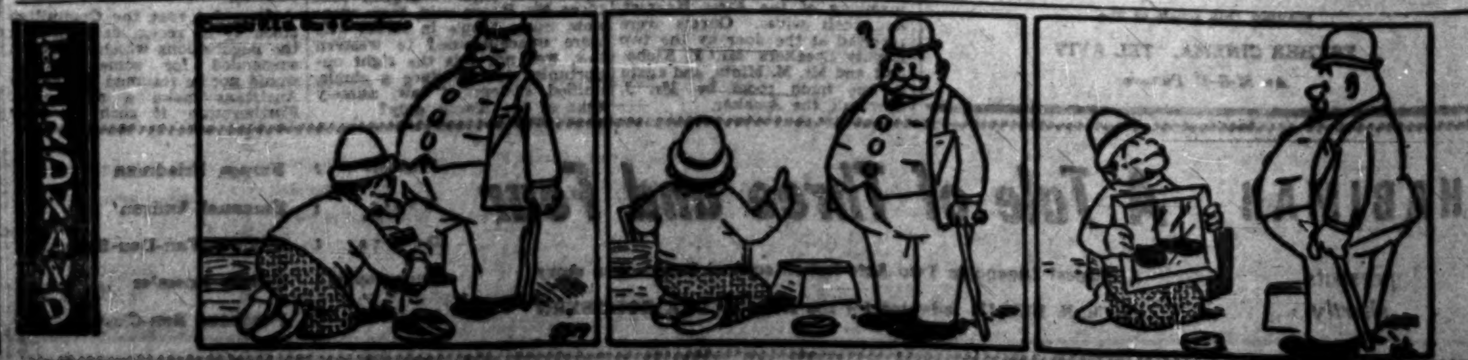

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	80	—	12	16
Tiberias	66	12	21	20
Haifa Port	71	11	18	18
Natanya	67	12	20	20
Tel Aviv Kirya	68	10	20	20
Tel Aviv Port	75	12	18	18
Lydda Airport	67	8	20	21
Jerusalem	65	8	14	15
Beersheba	60	10	20	20
S'dom	—	12	22	24
Eilat	35	11	24	25

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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RAINFALL FIGURES
24 Hours Ending
8 a.m. yesterday

Misgav Am	37.6
Mt. Cana'an	46.7
Acre	20.1
Haifa Port	22.0
Tiberias	20.6
Mt. Tabor	7.5
Ramat David	21.4
Mishmar Haemek	19.9
Afula	11.8
Natanya	10.3
Ramatayim	10.4
Tel Aviv Port	4.6
Tel Aviv Kirya	7.3
Kfar Syrkin	9.0
Lydda	11.8
Rehovot	12.8
Ekron	18.9
Negba	9.9
Hatzor	9.1
Jerusalem	22.0

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4,966 PERSONS entered Israel during January, according to police headquarters while 3,565 left the country during that period. The arrivals included 2,302 immigrants, 1,259 tourists, 146 diplomats and U.N. personnel and one pilgrim.

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A PROPOSAL to nationalize the Sharon Hospital in Petah Tikva was discussed yesterday by the Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Serlin, and representatives of Kupat Holim and the Petah Tikva Council. The Minister appointed a committee headed by the Director-General of the Ministry, Dr. S. Btesh, which will formulate a detailed proposal.

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20 MILLION cork disks were shipped to Yugoslavia by the Baracork Co. last week. The firm plans to send shipments of life savers, fishing corks and other cork products to several European countries in the near future.

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$807 WERE hidden in the clothes of an unidentified tourist who arrived by El Al yesterday. It is the tourist's second visit to this country. He was married in Jerusalem when he came a year ago.

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THE TWO REHOVOT telephone exchange workers who declared a sit-in strike on Sunday have gone back to work following discussions between the Histadrut and the Telegraph Department of the Rehovot Post Office.

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EQUIPMENT FOR the manufacture of alcoholic spirits was found in Kfar Amka in Western Galilee yesterday. Two villagers were detained on suspicion of having manufactured spirits.

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ANOTHER THREE German-built fishing trawlers have arrived in Haifa and will be operated by the Rahav Fishing Cooperative of Kibbutz Sa'ar, and the Nahshon Company. Three more trawlers are expected from Hamburg soon, bringing the total to eight.

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A FAMILY burial ground 1,600 years old was discovered in Azur (outside Tel Aviv) yesterday when excavations were made for building purposes. Pottery and glassware were found by the workers, who informed the Antiquities Department immediately.

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FILES CONTAINING data on mentally ill persons registered with the Ministry of Health were removed from the Ministry hut near the King David Hotel in Jerusalem yesterday before the hut was destroyed by fire. Damage caused by the blaze, which was started by an overturned kerosene stove, was estimated at hundreds of pounds.

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THE WOMAN who caused a disturbance last month near the Prime Minister's residence, claiming that she was the wife of the Prime Minister, was found yesterday to be mentally unbalanced, and was ordered to be placed under detention at the pleasure of the Minister of Justice.

ZIM INTERIM DIVIDEND

HAIFA, Monday. — The Zim Israel Navigation Company announced the payment of an interim dividend of seven per cent for the year 1954 on its participating preference shares. All the shares are held by American investors organized by AMPAL in an American corporation, known as the Israel Maritime Company, Inc.

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR TWO HANGED IN CAIRO

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Monday. — A memorial meeting for the two Jews hanged in Cairo was held in [illegible] today. Immigrants from Egypt in the vicinity attended.

35% of Development Funds To Be Spent on Agriculture

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IL.192.5m. draft Development Budget for 1955/56 was tabled in the Knesset yesterday. The 1954/55 Development Budget was IL.189.4m.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BUDGET EXPENDITURE
(in Millions of IL. rounded off)

	1955/56	1954/55
Agriculture	IL.67.4	IL.62.9
Transport	19.7	25.5
Housing	18.5	19.2
Industry	17.0	12.4
Electricity	15.8	16.5
Mines & quarries	11.7	9.5
Fortification projects	8.5	10.9
Loans to local authorities	7.7	7.1
Public works	7.0	7.0
Post Office	6.4	5.5
Buildings for public institutions and the Government	4.1	6.1
Arava development	1.7	1.5
Jordan canal	1.3	1.5
Miscellaneous funds and projects	1.8	1.1
Public corporations	0.9	2.5
Reserve	1.7	2.5
Works for increasing employment	—	2.5
TOTAL	IL.192.5	IL.189.4

Last year the Development Budget was sent to the Knesset on July 22, almost four months after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Agriculture, as will be noted from the accompanying table, is allotted IL.67.4m., or 35 per cent of the total. Transport is given IL.19.7m., housing IL.18.5m. and industry IL.17m.

The main items under agriculture are irrigation (IL.31m.), new settlement (IL.20m.) and increasing industrial production (IL.11.9m.).

New settlement is allotted IL.5.5m. more than last year, and this year's IL.20m. includes IL.8m. for loans to the Jewish Agency for regional settlement and IL.11.6m. for loans for housing in new settlements.

Of the IL.31m. allocated to irrigation, IL.19m. represents loans to Mekorot for the execution of regional water projects, IL.5.2m. to Tahal (Water Planning for Israel) for planning and executing national and regional water projects, and IL.4.2m. is for loans for local water projects of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The smaller amount allotted to transport this year is accounted for mainly by the item for investments in the development of the railways (IL.6.5m. as compared with IL.14m. last year). Under this head, last year, IL.9.2m. was earmarked for the acquisition of equipment, while the amount this year is IL.1.9m.

On the other hand, the amount allotted for maritime development is IL.8.2m., as compared with IL.5.4m. last year, the rise being accounted for mainly by loans for the acquisition of ships from the Reparations funds.

The chief items in the IL.17m. for industry are loans to existing enterprises (IL.7.8m.), loans to new industries (IL.6.2m.) and loans for working capital for export industries (IL.2.8m.).

The loans to industry include considerable sums for the acquisition of equipment with Reparations funds—mainly for plants manufacturing metal products, textiles, chemicals and food products.

ESHKOL RECEIVES SPLIT VIEWS ON CARTELS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The two reports of the committee which enquired into cartels were sent yesterday to the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, in his capacity as chairman of the Ministerial Economic Committee, it is learned from a Government source.

One report was signed by Mr. Z. Sussyeff, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, who was chairman of the investigating committee, and Mr. Bernard Bell, Acting Director of the Economic Advisory Staff. The second was signed by Mr. A. Arieli, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Finance, and Mr. S. Horn, Economic Adviser to the Minister of Finance.

The main difference between the two reports is that the one by the two representatives of the Ministry of Finance does not recommend any action against vertical combinations like a spinning mill and a weaving plant.

Israel Attends Chemical Industries Conference

Israel is represented for the first time by a delegation of six at the Conference of Chemical Industries Committee of the International Labour Organization, owing to her election to the Committee as a country possessing an important chemical industry. The opening session of the Committee took place yesterday in Geneva, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

The conference will study recent events and developments in the industry, and in particular factors affecting productivity, with special reference to work study and systems of wage payment. Attention will be given to technical subjects, such as the classification and labelling of dangerous substances. Representatives of 21 member countries will attend.

Israel's delegation consists of two representatives of the Government: Mr. I.D. Amir, Chief Labour Inspector in the Haifa area, and Mr. Avraham Markowitch, Chief Chemist at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; two representatives of the employers: Mr. Avraham Gottlieb of the Zera Factory and Mr. Itzhak Gilon, Secretary of the Chemical Industries Section of the Manufacturers Association; and two representatives of the workers: Mr. Aharon Gilat, head of the Productivity Section of the Histadrut and Mr. Yehuda Almog, of the Dead Sea Works.

Haifa Loads 5,700 Tons

HAIFA, Monday. — Close to 5,700 tons of goods were loaded in the Port here for export to 17 countries in the week ending last Friday. In the order of tonnage, cement heads the list with 3,612 tons (most of it to Turkey), followed by 400 tons of phosphates, 343 tons of plate glass, 204 tons of plywood (148.3 tons to Britain, the rest to the U.S.A., Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey, in that order), 195 tons of iron rods and 188 tons of tires.

Apart from plywood, Britain received over a hundred tons of agricultural products, mainly fresh and canned vegetables, fruit and citrus products. Belgium and Switzerland were sent 8.3 and four tons of wine respectively.

Good Exchange

ZICHRON YA'ACOV, Monday. — An exchange of 12 dunams of land belonging to the Local Council for 1,620 dunams of Government-owned land on the seashore was approved by the Council here today. The Government is to use the land for the construction of district government buildings.

CROPS, PLANTATIONS IN GOOD CONDITION

The rains of the past few days have saved the situation in the agricultural areas of the North, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. Another few days without rain would have seriously endangered field crops and plantations, but the position is now fairly satisfactory, and if there is a reasonable rainfall in February and March, there should be no cause for concern.

Although no rain fell in the South and the Negev over the week-end, the crops are in good condition, owing to last week's rainfall in those areas, which was not shared by the rest of the country. There has still been hardly any rainfall in the Beisan Valley, but farmers in that area are accustomed to rely on irrigation.

The vegetable crop has been unaffected, the spokesman added, since it does not depend on rainfall.

REGISTRATION OF ENGINEERS PLANNED

The Ministry of Labour is preparing a draft law providing for the registration of qualified engineers and architects which will prevent persons without the necessary training in these professions from engaging in construction work, Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour, told the Knesset yesterday in reply to a question by Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressive).

She said that draft proposals had been prepared about a year ago, and were now being studied by the Association of Engineers and Architects. They provide for experienced working builders to continue in their profession.

BANK LEUMI BUYS JERUSALEM CAFE

One of Jerusalem's biggest cafes, the Yarden, in King George Avenue, is to close its doors on March 1, *The Jerusalem Post* learns. The cafe is reported to have been sold to the Bank Leumi, which will open a branch there, after a reconstruction of the premises.

5 Hurt in Accidents

REHOVOT, Monday. — Five persons were injured in traffic accidents between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. here today. The victims were taken to the Kaplan Hospital and the drivers involved were released on bond.

Six Hurt, 20 Held In Village Brawl

ACRE, Monday. — Six persons were injured, three of them seriously, at Kfar Tamra in Western Galilee last night, during a fight between the villagers over the use of rainwater canals.

Ill-feeling flared up between neighbours, each of whom wanted the water to be drained off as far as possible from his own home. Twenty villagers were detained by the police. The three seriously injured were taken to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

FRIEDMANN-LEVOV LAID TO REST

HAIFA, Monday.—Veteran music teachers, musicians, friends and pupils today paid their last respects to Arie Friedmann-Levov who died here on Saturday night at the age of 71. Many of his friends filed past the bier at the Institute of Music, of which he was a co-founder. There, Mr. Y. Haklay paid tribute to him on behalf of the teachers.

The long funeral procession passed through Herzl Street and outside the Central Synagogue, the cantor recited "El Maleh Rahamim." The Labour Council Secretary, Mr. Y. Almogi, spoke at the graveside. Among the many mourners were Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion, (Mrs. Friedmann-Levov is a sister of Mr. Ben-Gurion), the Mayor and veteran Haifa residents.

THE PERFORMANCE of "The Rose of Istanbul" should be discontinued by the Do-Re-Mi Theatre until a royalties claim is heard by the Tel Aviv District Court, District Court Judge Y. Lamm ruled yesterday.

TWO-HOUR STRIKE HELD BY NURSES

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Some 600 nurses working in Government and Municipal hospitals here, stopped work between 10 a.m. and noon today. Arrangements had been made to ensure that patients did not suffer because of the stoppage, called in protest against the failure of the hospital authorities to institute the same working conditions as those applying in Kupat Holim institutions.

Mr. B. Shochter, Secretary of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Labour Council which authorized the strike, told the Council Secretariat today that the Histadrut Central Committee's last-minute decision to call off the strike, although binding, could not be implemented.

The Committee, Mr. Shochter said, should have known that it was impossible to stop preparations at such short notice.

£65,000 in Citrus Concentrates to U.K.

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Citrus concentrates worth £65,000 left Israel today as partial delivery of the British Food Ministry's order for 1,500 tons of citrus by-products to be provided by the Israel Citrus and Canned Products Association this year.

This was the last time that these goods would be exported with labels of the particular canning factories which are members of the Association. From next week, export goods of all the factories concerned will bear the newly adopted trade name of the Association — "Jaffa Gold."

The General Manager of the Citrus and Canned Products Association, Dr. J. Breitbarth, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the decision to use the name "Jaffa Gold" was reached after consultations with the canning factories and overseas customers. No export order is passed to the customs without a clearing certificate from the director of the Association's testing laboratory.

Dr. Breitbarth revealed that following recent complaints from small canning factories that members of the Association were monopolizing the fruit supply, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had requested a goodwill gesture from the bigger companies. The Association had agreed to give up 500 more tons of fruit, of which 200 tons would be in grapefruit, which were in very short supply.

ISRAEL TRADE GROUP ARRIVES IN ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL, Monday (Reuter).—An Israel trade mission headed by Mr. M. Bartur, Director of the Economic Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, arrived in Istanbul today to negotiate a trade agreement with Turkey.

Probation for Threat To Evangelist

For sending a threatening letter to Rev. Albert Bonk, head of the Hebrew Evangelical Society in Jerusalem, and forging Mr. Bonk's name on a document, Ya'acov Weiss, 21, was given a three-year suspended sentence yesterday by the Jerusalem District Court President, Dr. B. Halevi.

Weiss admitted sending a letter threatening to kill Mr. Bonk if he did not leave the country within two weeks. He also admitted forging Mr. Bonk's name to a document alleging receipt of IL.1,500 from one Abraham Zion for conversion to Christianity which would enable him to immigrate to Canada. The accused said that he sold this document to the Jerusalem League Against Conversion for IL.50.

Weiss added that he had been employed by Mr. Bonk as a clerk but left after being threatened by several organizations and because he had "pangs of conscience at helping to convert Jews."

Alexander Baron, 37, who admitted to conspiring with Weiss in composing the document, received a two-year suspended sentence.

Dr. Halevi stated that he had imposed a suspended sentence only because there was medical evidence that Weiss was unstable at the time. (Itim)

Lack of Funds Delays Transfer Of 400 Ma'bara Families to Farms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The "ship to farm" scheme for newly arrived immigrants is likely to be held up, at least during the next two or three months, by lack of funds, which is delaying the transfer of 400 ma'bara families who have applied to be sent to agricultural settlements.

These families, in all part of the country, were offered houses near their temporary homes which they are scheduled to leave, in line with the Jewish Agency's policy of "liquidating" the ma'barot as soon as possible. However, they lack the money for the move and instead, have registered to be sent to settlements where permanent dwellings are provided, an official of the Agency's Information Office here told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

Because it is uncertain when the Agency's Settlement Department will receive the IL.20m. which the Government is supposed to contribute for the work this year, the requests are being held up. In the meantime, the applicants must remain in their *ma'barot*. The very limited funds available at present are needed to ensure continuity in the policy of sending almost all new immigrants, who are now arriving in large numbers from North Africa, direct from Haifa to settlements or agricultural training centres.

A third of these recently established centres is to be opened this month in Masu'a, in the Jerusalem Corridor, where about 150 families are to be absorbed. There is still room available for 200 families in the Mansi camp and 70 in the Lachish area.

Killing Not Planned, Says Bension Murder Suspect

The possibility of killing anyone was not even discussed beforehand, Abraham Siton, 22, one of the three defendants of the Shmuel Bension murder trial, stated in Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

He denied a statement alleged to have been made by him to the police, according to which he agreed to help Shaul Nehemia in his plans to kidnap Mr. Gideon Rynar, the victim's son-in-law, on the condition that there would be no bloodshed.

The witness stated that he was surprised when he saw Nehemia had brought weapons with him on the night of the murder, and in describing the events of that night, declared that he did not know that anyone was killed until he was arrested for the murder.

In reply to questions by the Defence Counsel, Mr. Y. Hagler, Siton said that he assumed that Nehemia brought the submachine gun along to intimidate Mr. Rynar. (Itim)

Jailed for Adding Water to Milk

A milk distributor was sentenced to 20 days in prison for selling milk with less than the minimum requirement of butterfat, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman announced yesterday.

The man, Ya'acov Bacher, who works in southern Tira, admitted adding water to the milk. He was sentenced in the Haifa Magistrates Court on January 17. For a second offence, he was fined IL.30 with the alternative of a day in prison, in addition to a suspended sentence of six months.

On January 25, the same court fined S. Schuer, a Hadera cowman, IL.25 with the alternative of eight days in jail. He had refused to turn over a sample of milk to an inspector, spilling the milk on the ground instead.

Student Frees Dogs Destined for Lions

A law student, Arieh Rohrlich, who freed two dogs which were being taken to the Jerusalem Zoo to be used as food for the lions, was acquitted in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday of charges of performing an act which might have caused public damage.

The student, who is a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, freed the dogs by cutting the leash with which they were being led by Zoo workers. In dismissing the charges, Magistrate M. Even-Tov held that there was insufficient evidence that the dogs represented a danger to the public. (Itim)

'Netzer Sereni' Name Given Final Approval

The new name, "Netzer Sereni," for Kibbutz Netzer was finally approved yesterday by the Government Names Committee with the participation of the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. T. Kollek.

The Committee decided to reconsider its former objection to the foreign character of the name "Netzer Sereni," and accede to the opinion of various Knesset members that the case deserved special consideration.

The Committee also approved new names of settlements in the Lachish area in the vicinity of Haruvit: Gefen, Luzit, Yitzhar and Pagit. The names Nogah, Zohar and Otzem were approved in the Kochav area.

During the meeting, members of the Committee bade farewell to the Chairman, Dr. Avraham Biran, who is leaving to take up the post of Consul-General in Los Angeles. The Prime Minister wished Dr. Biran success in his new post.

The Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. held a reception yesterday for Dr. Biran as did the American Consulate in Jerusalem. The Consulate party was attended by members of the Consular Corps.

44 POWER COMPANY WORKERS RETIRE

HAIFA, Monday. — Forty-four employees of the Palestine Electric Corporation retired today. Seventeen were employed in Tel Aviv, the others in Haifa. They are all over 65.

Some have worked for the P.E.C. for 30 years. One of them took part in the building of the Naharayim station on the Jordan. They are to get pensions averaging from 50 to 70 per cent of their last working pay.

Stockholm Denies Press Reports on Westring

STOCKHOLM, Monday (AFP).—The Ministry of Defence today denied press reports that General Westring, Swedish Air Force Chief of Staff, had declared that Sweden might use the atomic bomb in a future conflict.

Acting on information received from Swedish representatives in Israel, the Ministry stated that General Westring, now on tour in Israel, had merely quoted the preamble of the latest report of the Swedish GHQ. This report included a statement that Sweden would be "a desirable base for both camps," and that therefore Sweden should be prepared from the outset.

EGYPT TO QUIT

(Continued from Page One)

tier against unrest by Kurdish tribes.

To this, Salem replied, "Turkey has designs in the Arab world. She has claims on the Aleppo-Mosul oil district and is seeking to establish her hegemony over the Arab countries." He asked, "Will Turkey make peace between the Iraqis and the Kurds?"

The Iraqi Premier himself had told Prime Minister Nasser when he visited Cairo last autumn that if Turkey occupied Mosul, she would never leave, Salem disclosed.

The Propaganda Minister said that while Egypt favoured co-operation with the Western powers, she was anxious not to get involved in military commitments and "for 15 days we wrangled at the Arab Prime Ministers conference without getting anywhere." In drafting resolutions, the delegations had exhausted the Arabic language in an effort to find words acceptable to all. "We borrowed from the English, French and even Turkish languages, but in vain," Salem said.

He described the conference room as a "torture chamber" and said that the delegates had parted last night without even bidding each other good-bye.

According to NEABS, the Lebanese President, Camille Chamoun, announced in Beirut today that he was taking steps for the calling of a conference of Arab kings and presidents to discuss the question of the Turco-Iraqi pact at the highest level.

Adloyada Will Stop Traffic in T. A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Private traffic will be forbidden in this city on Tuesday, March 8, owing to the Adloyada festivities, and many roads in the city will be completely closed to all vehicles, the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, told the Press here yesterday.

The Adloyada festival will be formally opened by the Mayor in a broadcast on Saturday, March 5. The main parade will take place on the following Tuesday, and will include pageants on the "Kingdom of Israel," the "State of Israel" and "Israel 1966 — a peep into the future."

Themes of other pageants in the parade will be based on the subjects of the "Ingathering of the Exiles" and "From the Town to the Country." Representatives of minorities living in Israel will also participate in their native costumes.

Wednesday, March 11, will be "Dizengoff Day" and an appropriate programme is being prepared to honour the memory of the first Mayor of Tel Aviv. The Dizengoff Prize for the artist of the year will be presented on that day.

The city will be gaily decorated during the days of the Festival with Adloyada banners and posters. A window display competition is to be organised, and citizens will be asked by the Mayor to decorate their houses. For the period of the Adloyada, prominent streets and squares in Tel Aviv-Jaffa will be renamed after characters in the Book of Esther.

In the evenings, orchestras set up on lorries will tour the city and will provide music for dancing in the streets.

Schoolchildren will attend celebrations arranged for them in the Tel Aviv Zoo and Luna Park in Jaffa.

Because young children will be actively participating in the main parade, it will not be able to follow a very long route. It is estimated that the parade travelling at a speed of four or five kilometres an hour will take more than two hours.

An Adloyada newspaper will be published by the Tel Aviv Festival Committee, but the Committee request for the use, during the festival period, of a special Post Office cancellation stamp was turned down by the Minister of Posts.

More than 50 composers have submitted entries for an Adloyada song, and scores of the country's artists and sculptors are assisting with the decoration and construction of pageant scenery.

Samson Festival Set For Ashkelon in June

ASHKELON, Monday. — A "Samson Festival" is expected to be held here between June 5 and June 14, following an agreement reached between the Ashkelon Local Council, the Afridar Company and the Tourist Centre.

The highlight of the programme will be a choreographic presentation of the Samson Oratorio by Handel, performed by Miss Gertrud Kraus and a group of 40, together with a choir of 100. The programme will also include sporting events throughout the week.

Riot at New York Orthodox Rally

NEW YORK, Monday (UP). — A United Orthodox Jewish Congregations rally attended by some 2,500 persons was thrown into confusion by a bomb scare last night.

The meeting, called to protest "The continuous persecution of religion and religious Jewry in Israel," broke into fist-fighting as speakers charged that religious Jews were being arrested and injured almost daily in Jerusalem, and that Jews in traditional attire were afraid to appear in the streets.

An anonymous phone call to a nearby police station said that a time-bomb had been planted in the meeting hall. The building was searched from cellar to roof, but nothing suspicious was found.

Police had to intervene several times as fights broke out and persons distributing leaflets against the Orthodox speakers were being ejected. However, no arrests were made.

Among the charges made at the meeting was that a "demoralizing club" had been opened in one of the most religious sections of Jerusalem, and that permission for secular activities during the Sabbath had been granted by Israel Government officials. Speakers also objected to mixing of the sexes in places of entertainment.

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Meteor Caused Mystery Explosion in N. Zealand

WELLINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — A meteor bursting apart on contact with the atmosphere of the earth is now believed to have caused what eyewitnesses described as "a mysterious explosion of terrific force" above the Southern Alps of New Zealand yesterday.

Dozens of persons said that at about five p.m. they saw an object like a sky-rocket flash towards the mountain range and disappear in a puff of smoke.

Then an explosion, like a long peal of thunder, was heard in many towns, miles away.

The meteor's explosion may have caused gigantic shock waves in the atmosphere with frightening results resembling the noise of an earthquake, experts said. The object caused a flurry of "Flying Saucer" reports.

State Aid Sought for High Schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government must regard high schools as an integral part of the nation's educational system, and show its recognition by bearing more than a nominal share of high-school fees, Mr. J. Bentwich, Principal of the Reali School, Haifa, declared at a Press conference on the annual meeting of the Secondary Schools Union, which took place in Jerusalem yesterday. The Union Council called on the Government to underwrite IL.50 of each high school pupil's fees.

As secondary schooling has been treated "like a Cinderella," Mr. Bentwich said, enrolment has remained static compared with the doubling of population. No more than 20 per cent of Israel's adolescents receive full-time secondary education, trade instruction or continuation classes. The other 80 per cent get no training after leaving the top grade of primary school.

The draft Law on secondary education has awaited tabling for a year, Mr. Bentwich recalled. Speakers at the conference deplored the lowering of pedagogic standards in small schools, due to inadequate personnel. As better qualified teachers earn hardly more than those who merely finished teachers' college, there is no incentive to continue studying for the profession, it was agreed by principals in the Union.

Mr. Bentwich confirmed that even large high schools experience great difficulty in obtaining good teachers. Although the kibbutzim present a fine example by their provision of secondary schooling for all young members, the teaching standards are often low, speakers at the conference thought.

Cables in Brief

KOREA. — The Korean Military Armistice Commission is meeting tomorrow to discuss a North Korean complaint against alleged violations of the truce line.

ENVOY. — M. Armand Blanquet du Chayla, French Ambassador to Sweden, has been appointed Ambassador to Egypt, it was officially announced in Paris yesterday.

BURMA. — Burmese bandits, believed to be Communist rebels, kidnapped a retired British Army officer, Colonel Richard Oswald Perrott, while he was bird shooting 65 kms. north of Rangoon on Sunday.

RELATIONS. — Colombia and Peru have agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations which were broken off when the Peruvian opposition leader, Mr. Haya dela Torre, was given asylum in the Colombian Embassy in Lima more than six years ago. Mr. Haya dela Torre was given free conduct out of Peru last year.

AGE. — A 137-year-old woman, Patimat Gasanova, is living in the village of Akusha, Daghestan, North Caucasus, TASS said yesterday. Other ancient inhabitants of Daghestan include Budeichi Armazanov, 133, and Hakim Magomedov, 128.

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Economic News from Abroad

Yugoslav Industry Expands

• Yugoslavia's industrial output was 13 per cent higher in 1954 than the year before, and a further rise of 14 per cent is expected this year. Iron and steel production is scheduled to rise by a third, chemical production by over a quarter, and petroleum refining by a fifth. Particular attention is being paid to the expansion of tools and machinery manufacture. Since World War II, a quarter of the country's national income has been regularly invested in development programmes, 60 per cent of the allotment being spent on industry (including electric power). The bulk of the industrial progress has been achieved, however, since 1952, due to the technical and financial aid provided by the U.S. and other Western powers. This year, government investment will slightly decrease and its emphasis will shift somewhat to agriculture.

Shipping Prospects Good

• The rise in the volume of marine freight, which was at first regarded as transient, is likely to be of a more lasting nature. The tramp freight index, which stood for almost two years at 80 per cent (of the 1952 level) has recently risen to over 115. Higher demand was most prominent for space to ship coal, grain, ore and other dry cargo, but tankers and liners also share in the world's expanding industrial production. Despite competition from air traffic, liner companies look forward to another record year, and tanker rates are 50 per cent above a year ago. The value of second-hand ships has also risen and £250,000 are now being paid for war-built Liberty ships, compared with £105,000 in 1950 (and £500,000 at the peak of the Korea boom.)

India's Agricultural Advance

• Agricultural progress was greater than originally envisaged during the first three years of India's Five-Year Plan, partly because of the two exceptionally favourable monsoons. It has been estimated that 10 per cent were added to the production of cereals by increased irrigation, seven per cent by more intensive fertilization, and five per cent by improved cultivation. A 30 per cent increase in the cereal yield, forecast by 1961 as a result of the major and minor irrigation schemes alone will more than catch up with the country's rapid population increase. The output of cotton is scheduled to rise in 1955/56 by 42 per cent, and the output of jute by 63 per cent, over 1950-51. The Indian countryside will also benefit from land reform and the abolition of superior land tenures.

South Africa Exports Gold

• South Africa is not expected to abolish import controls this year, but there is to be further liberalization of permits to import consumer goods. The country's foreign exchange position improved considerably in 1954 as a result of increased gold output and export, the higher sterling price of gold, and higher exports of maize, sugar, fruit and uranium. The unexpectedly large influx of private capital, which was estimated at £46m. during the first nine months of 1954, has been of even greater importance.

U.S. Rail Goes Diesel

• Diesel engines account today for 85 per cent of all transportation provided by the U.S. railways, compared with 10 per cent in the first postwar year. One effect of this revolutionary development was that in 1953 the railways owned only half as many locomotives as in 1934 but performed three times as much service.

Cinemascope Conquers

• By next March, about 1,800 British cinemas, representing over 75 per cent of the country's cinema seating capacity, will be either directly equipped with Cinemascope facilities or capable of showing cinemascope films. In the U.S., the percentage had reached 80 per cent, and in Australia 33 per cent, by the end of 1954.

Britain Cuts Coal Exports

• The British Government has decided to cut coal exports as a result of waning coal resources and rapid industrial expansion, because of which Britain will soon herself need all the coal that she can produce. The British have been selling their own coal abroad to meet commitments to Ireland and the Scandinavian countries, and importing American and Polish coal at a loss in its stead.

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BUYERS' MARKET

REPORTS from various trade branches indicate that we are in for a buyers' market of a more or less lasting nature. In the field of agricultural produce, the plentiful supply of vegetables has this year obviated the winter price increases which had so often boosted the cost-of-living index. The free market in eggs finds profits cut by increasing output, and the dairy industry is already facing the unpleasant reality of a surplus of liquid milk.

In manufacturing, also, the quantity and the choice of products has developed at a pace which in many cases outstrips the domestic demand. In the textile and clothing trades, for instance, a slack summer season has been followed by disappointing winter sales results (admittedly aggravated by the warm weather) with high stocks and substantial price reductions. Similar complaints are voiced by manufacturers of household goods and furniture. Even in building materials competition seems to have become keener than before, despite the recent rise in building activity, though this may partly be the result of shorter cash supply.

The demand for credit has also been prompted in many cases not so much by genuine investment needs as by direct and indirect efforts to overcome sales resistance, which are not likely to meet with much success as long as the present line of bank credit restrictions is upheld.

As this state of things inevitably reduces earnings and profits, it is naturally opposed by most producers and merchants, who rightly point out that high profits are the best inducement to investment and that the present situation, though welcome to consumers, retards economic expansion.

Nevertheless, it is folly to identify a high rate of investment with healthy economic development. On the contrary, many an historic example demonstrates that it is just in periods of slack business that technical and organizational progress is made and costs slashed under the spur of competition, laying the foundations of a healthy economy. The development of this country has been no exception to this rule. It was precisely last year that big strides were made in the productivity of manufacturing industries and transport services, and a similar drive has apparently just started in agriculture. The recent efforts to reduce trade margins could never have a chance of success in the climate of a business boom.

Even more important is the persistent process, cruel though it may be, of weeding out the less efficient producers and combining the producing units into more viable sizes, for the fact should not be lost sight of that along with a number of medium-sized firms, the bulk of our industry is still composed of establishments too small to maintain low-cost production and stand on their own under normal conditions.

There has been much talk about progress in this field being too slow because of vested interests, remnants of quota systems and covert trade curbs, but even the modest achievements that can be noted in several branches would never have occurred under the [illegible] of ever-ready markets and [illegible].

Bigger Allocations as Tax Yield Rises

By Our Economic Editor

CLOSER analysis of the ordinary budget estimates which will be presented to the Knesset tonight by the Minister of Finance shows that during the coming year the higher cost of living will require additional expenditure to the tune of IL.14.4m. — in other words, 5.5 per cent of the total allocations — while about IL.28m. are to be spent on new activities or on the extension of present activities of the various government ministries.

In the latter category the largest increases are IL.3.1m. for the Ministry of Finance, which will be spent almost entirely on the expansion of the tax-collection machinery, and about IL.7m. appropriated for Defence. Next in line is the sum of IL.2.7m. budgeted for Education, half of which will go for the expansion of elementary schools required by the natural increase in the population and the addition of three more lessons per week in the first two grades. The other half is for increased grants to the institutions of higher learning and for scholarships for high school students, as well as adult Hebrew courses, school luncheons, etc.

Of the additional IL.1.2m. going to the Ministry of Health, almost half will be spent on mental hospitals. About the same amount will be received by the Ministry of Agriculture for more research, agricultural education and instruction, soil reclamation, etc.

Other large sums are promised as additional grants to the municipalities and local authorities (this figure will be more than doubled this year by the allocation of an additional IL.826,000.-); to the Police — IL.690,000.- mainly for more constables; for Social Welfare; to the Ministry of Labour (mainly for housing, surveys and maintenance of roads); for Development (IL.700,000.- mainly for geophysical research), and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (also IL.700,000.-, two thirds of which will go for a special information campaign abroad).

Part of this increased expenditure will, however, be offset by economies which are expected to total more than IL.2m. The savings will be mainly on pensions to war invalids, kindergartens, subsidies to health organizations, the Tourist Centre, etc. Some of the increase will be taken care of by an anticipated rise in the income from services rendered by Government departments, and by more revenue from the share of non-governmental bodies in the expenditure (IL.2m., compared with IL.9.3m. in 1954/55).

The net additional expenditure for expanded services will thus amount to a little more than IL.18m., to which should be added about half a million for additional investment in inventory, mainly vehicles and equipment for the Police and for the Public Works Department. This increase is largely a matter of bookkeeping as this is the first time that depreciation of the equipment has been included in the budget estimates.

Income Tax Rise

On the revenue side, the story can now be told of how income tax has been made to yield so much larger a sum over the past two years, an achievement which has transformed the entire fiscal aspect of national administration. The number of individual taxpayers now dealt with by the Income Tax Department rose by 13 per cent in 1953/54 and by an additional 21 per cent in the first nine months of the present fiscal year, that is, up to the end of 1954. At the same time, the assessments on self-employed persons were 70 per cent higher than during the corresponding period a year ago.

The total collected from wage earners during the nine-month period of April-December 1954 rose to IL.38.2m., as compared with IL.25.4m. during the same period of 1953, while that paid by the self-employed rose from IL.18.2m. to IL.29.1m. and companies paid IL.15.9m. as compared with IL.10.6m. Moreover, collections of arrears amounted to only two per cent of the tax paid by wage earners but came to 75 per cent of the amount collected from self-employed, and 52 per cent of the tax paid by companies.

Over a quarter of the sums collected from self-employed were on account of the years 1950/51 and 1951/52, and another half on account of the years 1952/53 and 1953/54. A considerable part of the arrears was settled by means of special bank credits arranged for this purpose, which totalled IL.8.6m. up to the end of December (only IL.0.5m. for wage-earners). Over IL.6.5m. of these credits had already been repaid by that date.

It is because of these results that the Treasury has been envisaging future concessions to income-tax payers. Wage earners are to be given reductions averaging 15 per cent according to the current rates, and as a result their payments are to increase from the IL.46m. estimated for the current year to only IL.50m. (instead of the IL.60m. they would have paid if the rates had remained unchanged) in 1955/56.

The IL.50m. to be collected in 1955/56 from the self-employed (as against IL.42m. during the current year) will be made up of IL.12m. on account of past arrears, IL.26m. for 1954/55, and IL.12m. for 1955/56. This last sum would have been IL.27m. had current rates continued in effect next year, and the difference is appreciable enough to call for further official explanation.

The biggest rise in the tax yield next year, however, is expected from the companies, which are to raise IL.35m. (compared with this year's IL.26m.) out of which IL.10m. will again be on account of past arrears.

Should these estimates prove exact, wage-earners will account for only 37 per cent of the income tax yield next year (compared with 52 per cent in 1953/1954), the self-employed another 37 per cent (25 per cent in 1953/54) and the companies 26 per cent (23 per cent). Out of the estimated income tax revenue of IL.135m. over IL.22m. will have been paid on account of arrears.

While the total yield will be about 80 per cent higher than in 1953/54, the volume of the national income will also have increased by approximately 50 per cent and thus the actual rise in the average tax burden will be less than is commonly assumed.

Agricultural 'Giant' Appears

By Our Economic Correspondent

THE public has become accustomed to the big enterprises of the Histadrut in contracting and industry. It is generally not aware that the very process which produced Solel Boneh and the big factories of "Koor" has for some years been going on in the agricultural field, where Yakhin-Hakal, a contracting company, has been growing steadily.

Founded to plant orange groves for the Histadrut, Yakhin-Hakal has branched out into vegetable growing and the raising of semi-tropical fruit, into export and industrial crops. It has also become a sort of vertical trust in factories canning vegetables and fruit which cannot be marketed. It has tried its hand at settlement by founding some villages. And it has also entered the building field.

From the economic point of view the most interesting thing about the growth of Yakhin-Hakal are its large working units, characteristic until recently of the kibbutz only, and now shared by it with such enterprises as Yakhin-Hakal and Yitzur Vepituah, established a couple of years ago to free the kibbutzim from the necessity of employing hired labour.

Yakhin-Hakal works 15,000 dunams of vegetables, which are now too plentiful, so that some of these tracts will be given over to industrial crops. There are plans to supply Shemen, and other factories, with raw material. Here we have an interesting new example of how the "vertical trusts" of the Histadrut expand both the production of raw materials and their processing.

Yakhin plants its new orange groves in large blocs, such as the 800-dunam tract near Tel Mond, next to which is another of the same size for subtropical fruit. IL.1.2m. have been invested in this enterprise, 40 per cent of it in equipment financed by the American grant-in-aid. A factory for concentrates and juices is to be built near this large grove to make use of fruit that is not fit for export.

The organizers of this big enterprise quote figures to prove that its size, which means mechanization, and a trained and efficient working force, may save up to IL.25 per dunam. For vegetable growing and industrial crops too, Yakhin-Hakal goes in for "administrative farms" on a large scale. Today it employs 4,500 workers on 40,000 dunams in various districts. The company is in charge of 25,000 dunams of oranges, 15,000 of which are privately owned and 10,000 abandoned property. It controls 30 per cent of the country's orange exports and 15 per cent of our canned goods exports.

This work has caused some organizational and social heart-searching within the Histadrut. It is thought undesirable that Yakhin should enter the building field, especially since the various building societies of the Labour Federation have only recently been unified in a joint enterprise, Shikun Leovdim. It is felt that building will be better and more economical under a single agency.

The social problems are more intricate. It is generally admitted that the big units managed by Yakhin are efficient, that they serve well as instruments of increased production and employment. But it is felt that they may easily lead to the abandonment of the time-honoured ideal of the independent farmer, in the kibbutz and in the moshav. The arguments are identical with those against the farms of Yitzur Vepituah. They are generally countered by the prospect of later dividing the big units into small holdings, once the technical problems connected with new crops have been worked out satisfactorily.

No one can tell today when this time will come, or whether it ever will. At present, we must be content with the material progress. Later, profit-sharing may perhaps provide a just solution of the social problem.

CAR INSURANCE MAY COST MORE

AN increase is mooted in the tariff of motor vehicles insurance in order to offset the recurrent losses, which amounted to IL.330,000 in 1951 and IL.1.25m. in 1952. For 1953 the loss was estimated at IL.870,000 and for last year at almost IL.1m. Foreign insurance companies suffered particularly heavy losses: in 1952, their "claims ratio" was 132 per cent of the total premium income compared with 74 per cent for the basis of their net retention for the Israel companies. As a matter of fact, the losses of foreign companies on motor vehicles insurance exceeded their profits from other domestic insurance branches in 1950-53 and no material improvement is likely to have taken place since.

Fourteen local and 17 foreign firms are engaged in this branch of insurance, and uniform rates are maintained by the Israel insurance association, which represents all but two companies. It is of interest that in 1953 the associated firms declined to insure the "Egged" and "Dan" bus cooperatives against "third party" liability, as too heavy a risk at the current rates, and since then the bus policy has been maintained by the "outsiders."

Total premiums and fees written in motor vehicles insurance topped IL.4m., of which 26 per cent were absorbed by commissions and 11 per cent by management expenses. In 1953, claims paid during the year totalled IL.3.6m., and there was also a big jump in the sum pending at the end of the year. A committee of experts has been appointed by the insurance companies to study the business outlook and submit recommendations on future rates. This may be an opportunity to introduce some changes in the present rates system, which is claimed by some experts to favour cheaper cars and to discriminate against trucks, which average the lowest claims ratio. The superintendent of insurance is also said to be taking active interest in the question, as rates for the "third party" insurance required by law are subject to his approval.

Slower Export Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE triumphal rise in industrial exports has been slowing down lately, recent statistical figures indicate. Moreover, a closer analysis of the export statistics for the first three quarters of 1954 shows that the progress achieved has been less diversified than commonly assumed, and in many commodities export increases have been rather modest or non-existent.

The breakdown of the industrial exports is as follows:

Exports in 1954 ($000)

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter
Citrus by-products	1,719	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other manufactured foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor vehicles and parts	2,764	1,382	[illegible]
Metal manufactures	542	[illegible]	1,155
Building materials	547	1,118	1,355
Chemicals and pharmaceutics	684	573	759
Rubber goods	986	614	774
Light industrial products	627	497	882
Textile and clothing	1,162	1,227	880
Minerals	122	61	64
Diamonds	3,136	3,824	4,141
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	95	117	194
Total industrial exports	11,669	10,697	12,688
Agricultural exports (including raw materials and scrap)	20,826	10,626	679
Total exports	32,427	21,360	13,367

The decline in citrus by-products exports is a normal seasonal phenomenon, but the total proceeds in 1954 have been somewhat below those of the previous year. Other manufactured food exports increased by two-thirds over 1953 figures. Out of the $440,000 added, some $260,000 were from tomato juice and preserves, 48,000 from other vegetable preserves, $85,000 from wines and $43,000 from spirits. But the exports of chewing gum declined to one sixth, and the rise in cocoa and chocolate exports petered out in the second half of the year.

The doubling of motor vehicles exports in 1954 has already received a good deal of publicity, but its importance as a provider of "added value" has not yet been ascertained. On the other hand, genuine progress has been achieved in other metal manufactures, which comprise a wide variety of goods, some of which have a considerable "added value" percentage. Razor blades, for example, show a continuous increase from a monthly average of $21,000 in the first quarter to $57,000 in the third, and electrodes from $2,600 to $28,000, while a continuous decline was registered in electric batteries (from $12,000 to $4,000) and typewriters; shipments of refrigerators, stoves, kitchenware and screws developed irregularly. Exports of round iron were initiated in the second quarter and reached $72,000 in the third, but it is yet too early to predict their future development. Altogether, $1.8m. have been gained by exports in this group in the first three quarters of 1954 over the corresponding period of 1953.

The "building materials" group consists mainly of cement and plywood, both of which are developing in a very satisfactory manner. In the chemical group, however, the progress achieved by paints and lacquers (from $31,000 per month in the first quarter to $61,000 in the third) has been almost wiped out by the decline in pharmaceutics proceeds (from $85,000 to $45,000). Artificial teeth exports remained stationary. Toilet preparations almost trebled (to $24,000 per month) and sulphuric acid rose from nil to $34,000 per month, but this item is only temporary, for little acid will be left for export after Fertilizers and Chemicals starts to produce ammonium sulphate by the end of this year. For the time being shipments have been reduced because of the marketing difficulties in Turkey.

The "rubber goods" of the statistics are actually automobile tires, the overseas sales of which continue to expand despite the pessimism of the manufacturers. The light industries group exports several dozen articles of varying character. Over one-third of its foreign volume is made up by watches, which recently came in for sharp criticism on account of their small "added value." The export of books and religious articles (together about $35,000 per month) remained stationary. Sales of art handicrafts moved irregularly, averaging about $30,000 a month, which is somewhat above 1953. A rising tendency is also discernible in the export of pencils, fountainpens and auto-speed-bands.

The textile exports taken as a whole are again definitely disappointing and actually below the level attained last year. Only in combed woollen yarns and in cotton piece goods has a clear rising trend been maintained each of these items topping $60,000 per month in the third quarter. But raincoats, which were the pride of 1953 export records, dropped from month to month to less than half the previous amount. Nylon stockings and knitted underwear also declined heavily, recovering somewhat in the last months. Woollen and curtain tissues also lagged behind 1953.

Mineral exports (mainly potash) are still in their infancy. Diamond exports increased more rapidly than the others, but their share as earners of foreign currency is again much less than indicated by the total proceeds. The spectacular export increase has thus been rather costly, and of unequal value for the country's economy. Moreover, in the third quarter of 1954, when the export picture was dominated by manufactured goods, hard currency earnings dropped to 17 per cent and the bulk of export proceeds was made up by clearing accounts and barter deals.

Proposals for new inducements to industrial exporters are urgently needed.

Stocks and Commodities

Little Activity in Tel Aviv

ACTIVITY was again restricted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to only moderate fluctuations. Some interest was apparent in Palestine Cold Storage ordinary shares, which advanced by 20 points during the week. Palestine Potash Preferred stock was quoted at 400%, a loss of four points against two points for ordinary stock. Israel Land Development Company rose by 4.5 points on some demand at mid-week. Moller-Dee lost 10 pruta and were quoted at 990 pruta on Sunday.

State Loans too were dull, with Tavel Dollar registering loss of 12 pruta. Stock "A" lost 1 point. Stock "B" was unchanged.

New Peak in N.Y. Industrials

NEW YORK, which continued very strong during the week, seems now to have fully recovered from the decline and subsequent irregularity which had set in during the first days of January. The Dow Jones Average for 30 Industrials even reached a new peak at 409.76, while the average for 20 Rails was 149.57. (Last week's figures: 404.68 and 144.20 respectively). Heavy industrials featured on Friday and advances ranged around $2. Business news from New York seems to indicate that the bullish tendency will continue for the time being.

London Market Still Steady

THROUGHOUT the week the picture was generally cheerful on the London Stock Exchange, led by Industrials, but on Friday the news of China's refusal to attend the cease-fire talks caused some irregularity and lowered prices in some groups. Still industrials rallied well and no real selling pressure developed. Reuter's Industrial Index was 222.5 as against 222 a week earlier. Far Eastern bonds were depressed because of the Formosa situation. Gilt-edged and Stores shares were easier too, while industrials generally closed above the lowest point of the day on Friday.

Paris Gold Firmer

The London gold price on Friday was fixed at 251/9d. per fine ounce, a rise of 1d. from the previous day. The Paris gold market hardened towards the weekend in response to the international situation and the anticipated Government crisis. Business was active, with Ingots gaining ground. Turnover: 1 Bar; 300 Ingots; 20,000 Napoleons, 10,000 Sovereigns and 50,000 Eagles.

Copper Strong

Metals were strong again this week in London, with copper reaching a fresh peak of £354-356 on Friday. Rubber advanced too, and spot-rubber was quoted at 3/6/8d. in London on Friday.

On the other hand, wheat markets were quiet, and cocoa and coffee cheaper. Wool was steady and platinum easier on competitive offerings by Russia.

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Mekoroth pref. sh. b)	69½	—
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6-8% conv. debs. c)	96	—
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Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg.xa)	990	—
Pal-Brewery 8% cop.sh.c)	96½	—½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.c)	157	—
"Teva" ord. sh. c)	107½	—½
Nesher 6% debs. "A" c)	111½	—
6% debs. "B" c)	134½	—
Pal.Cold.St.7%debs.a)	147	—
ord. sh. reg. d)	224	—
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